

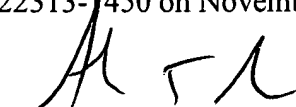


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Alexander et al. Art Unit: 3736
Appl. No: 09/882,363 Examiner: Jonathan M. Foreman
File Date: June 15, 2001 Docket No.: 3104/105 (previously STAN-144/01US)
Customer No.: 02101 Conf. No.: 6739
Invention: Assessing the Condition of a Joint and Preventing Damage

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This response is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination and is responsive to the final office action of May 5, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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